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[*on the report of the Second Committee (A/68/602)*]

68/236. Amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the United Nations University, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, by which it adopted the Charter of the United Nations University, and 64/225 of 21 December 2009, by which it approved amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University,

Taking note of the decision taken by the Council of the United Nations University at its fifty-ninth session, held from 22 to 24 April 2013, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in accordance with article XII of the Charter of the United Nations University, to propose to the General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session, amendments to article IV of the Charter of the United Nations University to reduce the number of appointed members of the Council from 24 to 12,

Taking note also of the decision on the proposal to amend the Charter of the United Nations University adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its 192nd session, held in Paris from 23 September to 11 October 2013,[1]

Taking note further of the proposal of the Secretary-General to amend the Charter of the United Nations University in accordance with article XII thereof, made at the request of the Council of the United Nations University and after consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

1. *Approves* the following amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University:

(*a*) Article IV, paragraph 1, shall be amended to read as follows:

[1] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Decisions Adopted by the Executive Board at its One Hundred and Ninety-second Session, Paris, 23 September–11 October 2013* (192 EX/Decisions), decision 43.

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"1. There shall be a Council of the University (hereinafter referred to as 'the Council'), to be established on a broad geographical basis with due regard to major academic, scientific, educational and cultural trends in the world, taking into account the various fields of study, with appropriate representation of young scholars. The Council shall have 12 members serving in their individual capacity, who shall be appointed jointly by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of UNESCO, in consultation with the agencies and programmes concerned, including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research* (hereinafter referred to as 'UNITAR'), and taking into account the views of appropriate representative bodies. The Rector shall be a member of the University Council."

* Established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1934 (XVIII).

(*b*) Article IV, paragraph 3, shall be amended to read as follows:

"3. The term of office shall be six years, provided that, of the members first appointed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this article, the terms of six shall expire at the end of three years and the terms of the remaining six at the end of six years. No appointed member of the Council may serve continuously for more than six years. The Council shall be consulted in regard to the replacement of retiring members."

2. *Decides* that these amendments shall enter into force upon the expiration of the present term of those appointed members currently serving on the Council of the United Nations University;

3. *Acknowledges* that the Council of the United Nations University shall continue to operate with the current appointed membership, and without the appointment of additional members, until the terms of the current appointed members expire;

4. *Also acknowledges* the intention of the Secretary-General to apply article IV, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations University, as amended, when he next appoints new members to the Council of the United Nations University.

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